­­**Defensive Handgun 101**

**Course Goals**:

This class is designed for beginning to intermediate shooters who wish to own and use a handgun for self defense.  The goal for this class is to teach the following:

• Equipment choices

• Manual of arms basics for your chosen platform including:

-          Loading/unloading, operation of safeties/de-cocking levers

-          Holster draw/re-holstering

-          Safe and legal storage at home and in transit

• Fundamentals of good marksmanship – grip, sight alignment, trigger pull, ready positions…etc.

• Managing reloads during a self defense situation

• Managing malfunctions during a self defense situation

• Shooting positions – Standing, kneeling, prone

The pacing of the class may vary depending on the skill level of all the students and we may or may not cover all of the subjects intended.  Safety considerations will be first priority in the instructor’s decision on the pace of the class.

**Equipment:**

• Semi-automatic handgun with at least 3 functional magazines (If your primary self defense handgun is a revolver and you wish to attend this class, please contact us first)

• 300-400 rounds of ammunition – total rounds used will vary up or down depending on the pace of the class

• Belt, holster and ammunition carrier \*

• Snap caps in the caliber that matches your chosen sidearm (I recommend A-Zoom snap caps)

• Notepad and writing instrument

• A roll of masking tape

A note on equipment:  Make sure you’ve tested your belt/holster/ammo carrier combination at home and have ensured that they work properly and smoothly for you.  Also, a high quality, stiff belt is recommended (please contact me if you have equipment questions).

**\* Due to safety concerns, Blackhawk Serpa holsters will not be allowed in our classes. If you attend this class, you must use a different type of holster**